

## MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 5 October 2010  
at 4.10 pm in Board Room, Board Office, Gate 2B, Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North.

**PRESENT**

Unconfirmed Minutes

Lindsay Burnell (Chair)  
Diane Anderson  
Jonathan Godfrey  
Tawhiti Kunaiti

Nicolas Steenhout  
Phil Sunderland  
David Warburton

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Murray Georgel, Chief Executive Officer  
Mike Grant, General Manager, Funding Division  
Nicholas Glubb, Operations Director, Specialist and Regional Services  
Muriel Hanratty, Director, Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness  
Karen Nisbet, Committee Secretary

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Ann Chapman

**2. LATE ITEMS****3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/REGISTER OF INTEREST UPDATE****3.1 Amendments to the Register of Interests**

There were no amendments to the Register of Interest.

**3.2 Declaration of Conflicts in Relation to Today's Business**

No interests were declared.

**4. MINUTES****4.1 Minutes**

*that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 July 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

#### **4.2 Recommendations to Board**

The Committee noted that all recommendations contained in the minutes had been approved by the Board.

#### **4.3 Matters Arising**

Tawhiti Kunaiti apologised for his absence at the 5 July meeting.

### **5. STRATEGIC ISSUES**

#### **5.1 Disability Consumer Feedback (Jan – June 2010 inclusive)**

The Director, Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness summarised the report. It was noted that the questions asked in the survey were provided by the Ministry of Health and they were the same throughout the country. There was one additional question that MidCentral Health has added that allowed patients to self identify as having a disability.

The survey results were staying consistent. It was noted that if significant changes were seen in the surveys that management would investigate any issues further.

Due to the lack of comparative data the Committee suggested that comparable data is sort from the Whanganui Disability Support Advisory Committee for the next feedback results.

The Committee requested that their appreciation be conveyed to management and service teams commending them for the positive feedback, as the surveys have stayed consistent through a very difficult time with MidCentral District Health Board going through change management and financial reviews.

It was recommended:

*this report be received.*

#### **5.2 Implementation of Disability Stocktake Update**

The CEO summarised the report. It was noted that it was important to keep the stocktake in front of the committee to make sure the committee are meeting its obligations.

The committee requested that the information in the Disability Stocktake be incorporated into the 2011/12 District Annual Plan. The stocktake needs to be reviewed, updated and include both physical and sensory disability concerns.

The committee noted that item 15 of the stocktake, Enable New Zealand's Network list will require updating in the coming year.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received.*

### 5.3 Child and Adolescent Oral Health – Universal Access

The CEO summarised the report. It was noted that the Hospital Advisory Committee had endorsed the business case of mobile and fixed facilities around the MidCentral District.

The committee advised that it was disappointed that children with disabilities would have to travel to Family Health Centres to receive treatment.

It was recommended:

*this report be received.*

## 6 GOVERNANCE ISSUES

### 6.1 2010/11 Work Programme

The CEO updated the Committee on two items.

Firstly, the Ministry of Health's announcement that IDEA Services was moving to Statutory Management. This was due to the Employment Court decision requiring IDEA to backdate and pay the minimum wage to support people for the time they sleepover in residential facilities. A number of providers will not be able to afford to do this. The Statutory Management decision will ensure there is no disruption to disability support services.

A court hearing is scheduled for later in the month where IDEA services is appealing the decision. This would be added to the work programme for future updates.

The CEO advised he was uncertain what implications this may have for other services, such as Aged Care. There may be a knock on effect to the Community Mental Health.

Secondly, the CEO updated the Committee on the oral health of the ex-Kimberley residents. There were four areas being targeted to address the concerns of dental care requirements of the ex-Kimberley residents, these were:

- Needs of the ex-Kimberley residents were a higher priority than low income patients at this time
- MidCentral theatre lists were to be maintained so as to accommodate ex-Kimberley residents
- Utilising the Surgical Bus for patient care
- Planning for the fixed dental clinic at Horowhenua Health Centre would also accommodate these patients

It was noted that Managers of the Houses where residents live have to help with the co-ordination of care. Kapiti Restcare Association and the Ministers have been updated on the efforts being made.

It was recommended:

*that the updated work programme for 2010/11 be noted.*

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## 6.2 DSAC Terms of Reference and Role

The CEO summarised the report.

The Committee requested that management provide a report to the Board regarding the Disability Support Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference, and the inclusion of the United Nations Convention on Rights with Persons with Disabilities to item 2d of these. It was requested that information should be provided on what would be involved, what considerations would be required and implications that may occur. The request for this to be sent direct to the Board was made due to the Disability Support Advisory Committee not meeting again until March 2011.

It was recommended:

*that the report be received.*

## 7. LATE ITEMS

The Chairman thanked all committee members for the work they have done throughout the year.

## 8. DATE OF MEETING

Tuesday 1 March 2011 at 4pm, MidCentral DHB Office, Board Room, Gate 2B, Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

Confirmed this 1st day of March 2010.

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Chairperson